

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 96-086

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN DIEGO BASIN PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROHIBITION OF DISCHARGES OF RECYCLED WASTEWATER TO SURFACE WATER BODIES USED FOR MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (SDRWQCB), adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) on September 8, 1994.
2. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) approved the Basin Plan on December 13, 1994, with the understanding that the SDRWQCB will ensure the protection of threatened and endangered species pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act and California Fish and Game Code Section 2055.
3. Section 13240 of the Water Code specifies that basin plans be periodically reviewed and, if appropriate, revised.
4. On May 9, 1996, following a public hearing, the SDRWQCB adopted Resolution No. 96-30 (Attachment 1) which amended the Basin Plan by providing an exception to the prohibition against discharge of recycled water to lakes or reservoirs used for municipal water supply, or to their inland surface water tributaries.
5. The SDRWQCB staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and other State laws and regulations.
6. Basin Plan revisions and amendments do not become effective until approved by the SWRCB and until regulatory provisions are approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

1. Approves SDRWQCB Resolution No. 96-30 amending the Basin Plan by providing an exception to the prohibition against the discharge of recycled water to lakes or reservoirs used for municipal water supply, or to their inland surface water tributaries.

2. Authorizes SWRCB staff to submit the approved Basin Plan amendment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and regulatory provisions to the OAL for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on November 21, 1996.


Maureen Marché
Administrative Assistant to the Board

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO

RESOLUTION NO. 96-30

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT
TO THE
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

WHEREAS, this Regional Board, acting in accord with Section 13244 of the California Water Code, adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9), (hereinafter Basin Plan) on September 8, 1994. The Basin Plan was subsequently approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on December 13, 1994. Subsequent revisions to the Basin Plan have also been adopted by the Regional Board and approved by the SWRCB; and

WHEREAS, the Basin Plan prohibits discharges of treated or untreated wastewater to lakes or reservoirs used for municipal water supply or to inland surface water tributaries thereto;

WHEREAS, a staff report describing the proposed amendment and containing environmental documentation functionally equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act requirements was transmitted to interested individuals and public agencies for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health Services (DHS) recognizes the capability to safely repurify water for augmentation of surface water supplies and will require specific critical features be incorporated into the Water Reclamation Permit adopted by this Regional Board before approving a surface water augmentation proposal;

WHEREAS, this proposed amendment provides an exception to the prohibition for discharges to a lake or reservoir used for municipal supply that have been authorized by this Regional Board and approved by the State Department of Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board held a public hearing on April 11, 1996 in the City of Oceanside, for the purpose of receiving testimony on this proposed amendment to the Basin Plan; and

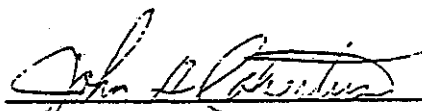
WHEREAS, the Regional Board has reviewed and carefully considered all comments and testimony received relative to this proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has determined that the proposed amendment will not have a significant adverse effect on this environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waste Discharge Prohibition number four (4) on page 4-17 of the Water Quality Control Plan, San Diego Region 9 (Basin Plan) is superseded by the following:

- (4) Discharges of recycled water to lakes or reservoirs used for municipal water supply or to inland surface water tributaries thereto are prohibited, unless this Regional Board issues a NPDES permit authorizing such a discharge; the proposed discharge has been approved by the State Department of Health Services and the operating agency of the impacted reservoir; and the discharger has an approved fail-safe long-term disposal alternative.

I, John H. Robertus, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on May 9, 1996.



JOHN H. ROBERTUS
Executive Officer